IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

TUESDAY, THE 20TH NOVEMBER 2007 / 29TH KARTHIKA 1929

Bail Appl..No. 7032 of 2007()

CMP.3637/2007 of J.M.F.C.-I,THAMARASSERY
CRIME NO.483/2007 OF THAMARASSERY POLICE STATION
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PETITIONER/ACCUSED:

RAJAN @ RAJESH, AGED 28 YEARS,
S/O. KARUPPAN, ERANGATHU HOUSE, KODIYATHUR AMSOM.

BY ADV. SRI.LUIZ GODWIN D'COUTH

RESPONDENTS: COMPLAINANT:

STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
THAMARASSERY THROUGH PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KERALA.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI.S.U.NAZER

THIS BAIL APPLICATION HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD ON 20/11/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

R.BASANT, J.

B.A.No.7032 of 2007

Dated this the 20th day of November 2007

O R D E R

Application for regular bail. The petitioner faces allegations under Section 379 I.P.C. He had allegedly picked the pocket of a co-passenger in a bus. He was allegedly got red-handed and was handed over to the police. He remains in custody from 21/10/2007. Investigation is not complete. Final report has not been filed yet. The learned Public Prosecutor submits that so far the prosecution has not been able to trace any criminal antecedents for the petitioner.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner may now be enlarged on bail. The learned Public Prosecutor opposes the application. Some further time may be granted to the investigating officer to complete the investigation, prays the learned Public Prosecutor.

3. Having considered all the relevant inputs, I find merit in the opposition by the learned Public Prosecutor. I am satisfied that the investigators in a serious crime like this are certainly entitled to further time to complete the investigation.

4. In the result, this petition is dismissed. However, I may hasten to observe that the petitioner shall be at liberty to move this court for bail again at later stages of the investigation not, at any rate, prior to 04/12/2007. The investigating officer shall, in the meantime, make every endeavour to complete the investigation.

(R.BASANT, JUDGE)

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R.BASANT, J.

CRL.M.CNo.

ORDER

21ST DAY OF MAY2007